

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is respectfully submitted prior to issuance of an Official Action. Claims 1-33 have been amended and the Abstract has been revised. An Information Disclosure Statement is also submitted herein.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Davis for the opportunity to submit a Preliminary Amendment. Examiner Davis contacted Applicants' Attorney, April M. Capati, Esq., on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 to discuss the claims. Ms. Capati informed the Examiner that a draft Preliminary Amendment had been prepared, but needed to be approved by the client. The Examiner agreed to allow Applicants a few days to review the proposed Preliminary Amendment and formally file it in the USPTO. The Examiner further indicated that the amended claims may place the application in condition for allowance.

The amendments to claims 1-33 are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter which Applicants consider to constitute their inventive contribution. Applicants note that the limitations of claims 15 and 16 were incorporated into claim 23, as originally recited by claim 23. No new matter is included in these amendments. In addition, the revisions to the Abstract are submitted in order to clarify and correct the Abstract and to conform them to all of the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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# ABSTRACT

~~A METHOD, APPARATUS, AND A MACHINE FOR TESTING IN PURE BENDING, OPTIONALLY IN ALTERNATING BENDING~~

The present invention provides a method, apparatus, and a machine for testing in pure bending, optionally in alternating bending. Two mutually identical testpieces (1) are subjected to optionally alternating opposing bending movements while conserving mutual symmetry about a point (22), under drive from two controlled motor assemblies (21) that are free to move relative to each other. Interfering forces induced in the two testpieces (1) during testing are minimized, and the performance of the testpieces (1) in pure bending can be studied with increased accuracy.

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